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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS HELICOPTER PROJECT - TRAINING

REF: A) RANGOON 1669; B) A-071

1. PROJECTED PLANNING FOR PILOT TRAINING AT BELL FACILITIES IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS INCLUDES ONE-WEEK GROUND SCHOOL AND SEVEN FLIGHT HOURS FOR TEN LINE PILOTS AND TEN FLIGHT HOURS FOR TWO INSTRUCTOR PILOTS. TRAINING WOULD BE CONDUCTED ON AIRCRAFT DESIGNATED FOR BURMA PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEY COME OFF PRODUCTION LINE. UPON COMPLETION OF PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM THESE AIRCRAFT WILL BE DISASSEMBLED AND SHIPPED TO RANGOON. WE ANTICIPATE AFTER AIRCRAFT ARRIVAL IN COUNTRY TO ASSIGN FACTORY TECH REPS TO ASSIST BAF IN MAINTENANCE AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING FOR PERIOD OF 90 DAYS. THIS AMOUNT OF GROUND SCHOOL AND FLIGHT TRAINING IS BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT TRAINEES ARE REASONABLY CURRENT, ARE TURBINE QUALIFIED AND HAVE EXPERIENCE IN UTILITY-TYPE HELICOPTERS (NAMELY, ALOUETTE AND HUSKY).

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2. PLANNING FOR MAINTENANCE TRAINING CAN BE SCHEDULED AT

BELL AND LYCOMING FACILITIES ON AVAILABILITY OF STUDENTS
AND WE RECOMMEND THAT TIMING OF THIS TRAINING BE CORRELATED
WITH DELIVERY OF AIRCRAFT.

A) ELECTRICAL TRAINING: TWO-WEEK COURSE.

B) AIRFRAME FIELD MAINTENANCE TRAINING: THREE-WEEK COURSE.

C) AIRFRAME OVERHAUL MAINTENANCE: THREE-WEEK COURSE.

D) ENGINE MAINTENANCE: THREE-WEEK COURSE.

E) TRAINING FOR AVIONICS REPAIRMEN, NON-DESTRUCTIVE
INSPECTORS AND WELDERS. WE ARE EXPLORING POSSIBLE SOURCES
FOR THIS REQUESTED TRAINING.

3. GUB IS NOT EXPECTED TO DEFRAY ANY OF EXPENSES ASSO-
CIATED WITH THIS TRAINING INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION (PARA 4,
REF A).

4. RE OBSERVATION ENCLOSURE IV REF B ON PROPOSED DELIVERY
RATE OF AIRCRAFT, BAF SHOULD NOT BE LED TO BELIEVE THAT
TWO AIRCRAFT PER MONTH WILL ARRIVE AFTER THE FIRST INCRE-
MENT OF SIX HAVE BEEN DELIVERED. DELIVERY OF ADDITIONAL
AIRCRAFT CONTINGENT UPON AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS
AND SATISFACTION THAT THOSE DELIVERED ALREADY ARE BEING
USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT.

5. AS WE PREFER THAT U.S. MILITARY NOT BE INVOLVED IN ANY
ASPECT OF BURMA NARCOTICS PROGRAM, WE INTEND TO ARRANGE ALL
PILOT AND MAINTENANCE TRAINING AT MANUFACTURERS FACILITIES.

6. RE QUERY PARA 4, RANGOON 1954, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO
DEVELOP SPARE PARTS AND TOOLS LIST PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF
PIO/C. SPARE PARTS LIST WOULD BE A LINE ITEM IN THE PIO/C
WITH FUNDS RESERVED. HOWEVER, THE ACTUAL LIST DOES NOT
HAVE TO ACCOMPANY THE PIO/C.

7. NO ACTION CAN BE TAKEN TO RESERVE PRODUCTION LINE
SPARES UNTIL PIO/C RECEIVED. KISSINGER
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